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SUBJECT:EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. CYNTHIA SMITH IN THE SOVIET  
UNION

1. SUMMARY. MRS. SMITH, WIFE OF FSO RAYMOND F. SMITH  
WISHES TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT AS LEGAL CONSULTANT TO THE LAW  
OFFICE OF FRANK BOAS OF BRUSSELS AND LONDON DURING TOUR  
IN THE USSR. EXPRESS APPROVAL OF HEAD OF MISSION REQUIRED  
PER 22 CFR SECTION 10.735-206(C). END SUMMARY.

2. MRS. CYNTHIA SMITH, A LAWYER CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS  
ATTORNEY-ADVISOR TO AID GENERAL COUNSEL, WITH A SPECIALTY  
IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PROCUREMENT, HAS BEEN OFFERED  
PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE LAW OFFICE  
OF FRANK BOAS. SUCH EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE ON AN AD-HOC,  
AS NEEDED BASIS AND WOULD CONSIST OF ADVISING THE FIRM  
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CLIENTS OF THE FIRM ON LEGAL ISSUES  
CONCERNING DOING BUSINESS IN THE SOVIET UNION. AMONGST  
HER DUTIES WOULD BE MEETING THE FIRM'S CLIENTS IN MOSCOW,  
ASSISTING THEM IN SETTING APPOINTMENTS, ADVISING ON  
CONTRACTUAL MATTERS, AND RESEARCHING LEGAL ISSUES OF EAST-  
WEST TRADE ON BEHALF OF THE FIRM. MRS. SMITH'S EMPLOYMENT  
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WOULD NOT INVOLVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE IN THE

USSR NOR THE HIRING OF LOCAL STAFF.

3. FSO RAYMOND SMITH, CURRENTLY IN LANGUAGE TRAINING, HAS BEEN PANELLED FOR CONSULAR POSITION IN MOSCOW BEGINNING THIS SUMMER.

4. EUR AND L/EUR HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT PROVIDED, OF COURSE, THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH SOVIET LAWS, REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES AND WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ONGOING EMBASSY ACTIVITIES. MRS. SMITH UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS HER AND HER FIRM'S OBLIGATION TO ASCERTAIN THIS FACT AND OBTAIN WHATEVER APPROVALS MAY BE NECESSARY, THAT HER ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF A PRIVATE FIRM WOULD NOT BE COVERED BY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, AND THAT SHE WILL NEED TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT SOVIETS DO NOT INTERPRET HER ACTIVITIES AS BEING IN ANY SENSE OFFICIAL USG ACTIVITIES.

5. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS POST APPROVE PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT UNLESS OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS EXIST. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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